

BAU academic activities facing set-back

Academic activities of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh have been facing setback due to inadequate budget allocation for the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

University sources said Tk 35 crore was approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as budget of the university for fiscal '98-99 against the demand of Tk 46 crore 46.34 lakh proposed by the authorities.

Of the amount, grant from the government is Tk 33.20

crore while another Tk 1.80 crore will be earned from the university's own sources.

Head-wise allocations include salary, leverage, income tax, group insurance and recreation allowance Tk 27.35 crore, general contingency Tk 4 crore 68.74 lakh and academic activities Tk 2 crore 96.26 lakh.

The budget for the new fiscal year and the supplementary budget of the last year were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting of the university on June 30. Vice

Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Hussain was in the chair.

Officials said the committee recommended to approve a revised budget of Tk 34 crore 99.68 lakh for the 1997-98 fiscal year against Tk 34 crore 19.88 lakh approved by the UGC.

They observed that academic activities of the university including research will be hampered further if the existing deficit is not covered up in the revised budget.